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[The Smithsonian Institution](#)

The Smithsonian Museums are open daily, except Christmas, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Extended summer hours are determined annually.

For information, call (202) 357-1300.

Metro for Museums on the Mall: Smithsonian

[Anacostia Neighborhood Museum](#)

2405 Martin Luther King Avenue, SE.

[Freer Gallery of Art](#)

Jefferson Drive and 12th Street, SW.

[Sackler Gallery](#)

1050 Independence Avenue, SW.

[Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden](#)

Independence Avenue and 7th Street, SW.

[National Air and Space Museum](#)

Independence Avenue and 7th Street, SW.

[National Museum of African Art](#)

950 Independence Avenue, SW.

[National Museum of American History](#)

14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW.

[National Museum of Natural History](#)

10th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW.

[National Museum of the American Indian](#)

The National Museum of the Native American is the first national museum dedicated to the preservation, study, and exhibition of the life, languages, literature, history, and arts of Native Americans. The museum works in collaboration with the Native peoples of the Western Hemisphere to protect and foster their cultures by reaffirming traditions and beliefs, encouraging contemporary artistic expression, and empowering the Indian voice.

The National Museum of the American Indian is located on the National Mall between the Smithsonian's National Air & Space Museum and the U.S. Capitol Building. The hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily, and it is closed on Christmas.

Telephone: (202) 633-1000

Metro: L'Enfant Plaza or Federal Center

[National Portrait Gallery](#)

8th and F Street, NW.

[The National Postal Museum](#)

Located at 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, in the Washington City Post Office Building on Capitol Hill (next to Union Station). The Museum is open daily from 10:00 a.m. until 5:30 and admission is free. Please note that the museum is closed on Christmas Day.

Telephone: (202) 357-2991. Metro: Union Station.

[Zoological Park \(National Zoo\)](#)

3001 Connecticut Avenue, NW. Grounds are open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from May 1 through September 15. Buildings are open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. during the winter months and from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. during the summer months.

Telephone: (202) 673-4800. Metro: Woodley Park - Zoo.

[National Museum of American Art](#)

8th and G Street, NW.

[Renwick Gallery](#)

Pennsylvania Avenue and 17th Street, NW.

[Arts and Industries Building](#)

900 Jefferson Drive, SW.

Smithsonian Kite Festival

Late each March on the Mall.

[The Botanical Gardens](#)

Maryland Avenue, SW. Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. during the summer months. Group tours are available by request except Saturday and Sunday or during any shows.

Telephone: (202) 225-8333. Metro: Federal Center Southwest.

[The Capital Children's Museum](#)

The entire city block at 3rd and H Streets, NE. About three blocks behind Union Station at 800 3rd Street, NE. The museum specializes in hands-on, interactive educational exhibits. Designed mainly for children ages 2 through 12. Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$6.00 for all persons; free for children under age 2 and members of the museum.

Telephone: (202) 675-4120. Metro: Union Station.

[The Washington Navy Yard](#)

Located at 9th and M Streets, SE, on the banks of the Anacostia River. The original buildings date back to the 1800's and contain the Navy Memorial Museum and Marine Corps Museum. The Navy Museum is free and open on weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., weekends and holidays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and during the summer 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Docked near the Navy Museum is a real Vietnam-era destroyer, the USS Barry. The USS Barry is open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Telephone: (202) 433-4882. Metro: Eastern Market (15 minute walk down 8th Street).

[The United States National Arboretum](#)

444 acres of trees, shrubs, and assorted plants in the northeast section of the District of Columbia. Entrance is located on New York Avenue, NE. Open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on the weekends from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Guide services for organized groups are available. Please make reservations for groups.

Telephone: (202) 245-2726. Metro: Stadium Armory on the blue or orange lines, then bus number B-2, B-4, or B-5 to the intersection of Bladensburg Road and R Street. Walk east on R Street 300 yards to the R Street Gate.

[Washington National Cathedral](#)

Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues, NW. This fourteenth-century gothic cathedral is the 6th largest in the world and the 2nd

largest in the United States. Tours are given Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. and on Sunday from 12:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Telephone: (202) 537-6207 (tour line) and (202) 537-6200 (information line). Metro: No stops within the vicinity.

[The Corcoran Gallery of Art Museum](#)

17th Street and New York Avenue, NW. Open Tuesday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

***Note that the Corcoran has a reciprocal membership with the Toledo Museum of Art, which may reduce admission fare for TMA members. Please call the Corcoran for more information.

Telephone: (202) 639-1700. Metro: Farragut West.

[Ford's Theater and the Lincoln Museum](#)

10th Street between E and F Streets, NW. The building is open every day from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with the exception of Christmas.

Telephone: (202) 426-6924. Metro: Metro Center.

[The Hall of States Building](#)

Located at 444 North Capitol Street, NW. This building houses state offices. For information, please phone the Council of State Governments.

Telephone: (202) 624-5460. Metro: Union Station

[The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum](#)

Located at 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW (off 15th Street between Maine Avenue and Independence Avenue). There is also an entrance on 14th

Street next to the Bureau of Printing and Engraving. The Museum is open 7 days a week from

10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., closed on Christmas. The permanent exhibition is recommended for ages 11 and up. Daniel's Story is recommended for ages 8 and up. The visit will take between 90 minutes to 3 hours. Currently, tickets are required. Tickets can be purchased by telephone through PROTIX at (800) 400-9373. The cost is \$3.00 per ticket plus \$1.25 per order for a handling fee. Same day tickets are also distributed at the Pass Desk, near the 14th

Street entrance, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Telephone: (202) 488-0400. Metro: Smithsonian.

[The National Building Museum](#)

Located at 401 F Street, NW, between 4th and 5th Streets. Wheelchair access at 4th and G Streets. The museum's hours are Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon until 4:00 p.m. The museum is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

Telephone: (202) 272-2448. Metro: Judiciary Square.

[The National Gallery of Art](#)

Located at 6th and Constitution Avenue, NW. Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday from noon until 9:00 p.m. Sunday concerts are held at 7:00 p.m. in the East Garden Court from October through June.

Telephone: (202) 737-4215. Metro: Archives - Navy Memorial.

[The National Geographic Society](#)

Located at 17th and M Street, NW. Features exhibits of famous scientific expeditions.

Telephone: (202) 857-7588. Metro: Dupont Circle.

[The Phillips Collection](#)

The nation's first museum of modern art has free Sunday concerts. Located at 1600-1612 21st

Street, NW.

Telephone: (202) 387-2151. Metro: Dupont Circle.

[The Textile Museum](#)

11,000 textiles and 1,000 rugs. Located at 2320 S Street, NW.

Telephone: (202) 667-0441. Metro: Dupont Circle.

The Washington Doll House and Toy Museum

Home to antique doll houses, dolls, toys, and games. Located at 5236 44th Street, NW.

Telephone: (202) 244-0024. Metro: Friendship Heights (Jennifer Street exit).

[The National Aquarium](#)

Located on 14th Street, between Constitution Avenue and D Street, NW. Tanks filled with fish, frogs, alligators, sharks, and other types of water-life. Open daily from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., except on Christmas. Admission is \$2.00 for adults and \$0.75 for senior citizens and children under 12.

Telephone: (202) 482-2825. Metro: Federal Triangle.

[The Dumbarton Oaks](#)

1703 32nd Street, NW. Gardens open daily from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Both are closed on federal holidays and December 24, 25, and January 1. Admission to the garden is \$1.00. Senior citizens are admitted for free on Wednesday and children under 12 are always free of charge.

Telephone: (202) 339-6410. Metro: No stops within the vicinity.

Mount Vernon

[The Newseum](#)

The Newseum features seven levels of galleries, theaters, retail spaces and visitor services. It offers a unique environment that takes museum goers behind the scenes to experience how and why news is made. Newseum is located at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and Sixth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., on America's Main Street between the White House and the U.S. Capitol and adjacent to the Smithsonian museums on the National Mall.

The Newseum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Tickets cost \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$13 for children.

Telephone: (888) 639-7386

Metro: Archives/Navy Memorial Metro

[Spy Museum](#)

Through interactive exhibits with state-of-the-art audiovisual effects, film, and hands-on components, the International Spy Museum traces the evolution of espionage through the people who practiced the profession and provides a context for guests to interpret the role intelligence plays in current events. The Museum's permanent exhibition presents the tradecraft of espionage and showcases the ingenuity and imagination of real-life spies and spymasters.

The International Spy Museum is located in Downtown, Washington, DC within the Pennsylvania Quarter neighborhood and stretches the entire city block between 9th and 8th Streets at 800 F Street, NW. Museum hours vary due to special events and it is closed

Christmas, Thanksgiving, and New Years Day. Tickets cost \$18 for adults, \$17 for seniors and active military, and \$15 for children.

Telephone: (866) 779-6873

Metro: Gallery Place/China Town

[Voice of America](#)

The Voice of America is the hub of U.S. international broadcasting. The 45 minute tour offers a behind-the-scenes look at live broadcasting in radio, television, and the internet in 45 languages, and is guided with audio and video features. Reservations are recommended and can be made online or over the phone at, (202) 203-4990.

The Voice of America is located across at 330 Independence Avenue, S.W., adjacent to the East end of the National Mall. Tours are given at 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for Federal Holidays.

Telephone: (202) 203-4990, Metro: L'Enfant Plaza or Federal Center